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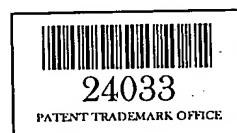
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR FORMING A CONSISTENCY GROUP

Enclosed are:

- 8 Sheet(s) of drawings + 0 extra copies;
- 33 pages of Application; 20 pages of specification, 1 page of abstract
- An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation. ( Will follow.)
- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
- Unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Certified copy of Patent Application No. filed from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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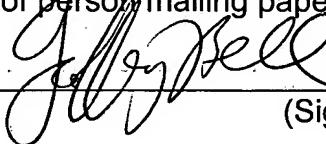
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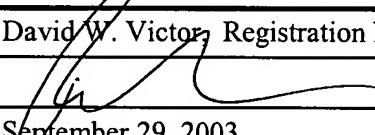
  
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